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## CHARLES ALBERT FROST

### A BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH AND LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Charles Albert Frost was born in Monmouth, Maine, on August 28, 1872. He attended local schools and the University of Maine, where he graduated in 1895 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He spent his working years as a civil engineer with the Waterworks Division of the Metropolitan District Commission, with responsibilities in and around Framingham, Massachusetts. He lived in Framingham for the last fifty years of his life, at 67 Henry Street. Here he built up a very important private collection of North American beetles. Its importance lay less in what he published than in the part it enabled him to play: in his wide knowledge, the extensive correspondence that he continued almost to the day of his death, and his very great helpfulness to other coleopterists. He was almost the last of the old-time, general students of Coleoptera, who knew the entire order, and who were members of a network of collectors and students interested in beetles who covered the whole of the United States and southern Canada. He was one of my first entomological friends (much older than I, of course), and a fine, intelligent, generous, useful man. He died at home on March 11, 1962, at the age of 89.

Mr. Frost has left his collection of beetles to the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University. It fills 116 Schmitt or similar boxes. There are at least 50,000 specimens and perhaps many more; some of the boxes are so crowded that it is difficult to count the specimens in them. The specimens are well mounted, well labeled, and clean, and a large proportion of them have been studied and identified either by Mr. Frost himself or by competent specialists with whom he corresponded. There are some holotypes, and many paratypes of other workers. The collection is especially strong in small beetles, which are hard to collect and mount, and which are very much needed to fill out the study series of North American Coleoptera at the museum. The specimens will be individually labeled "C.A. Frost Collection" and incorporated in the museum's main series of North American beetles.

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## PUBLICATIONS OF CHARLES ALBERT FROST

1908

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1909

Notes on wood-boring Coleoptera. *Ent. News*, 20:298-299.

1910

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1912

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Notes on *Tomoxia bidentata* Say and *T. lineella* Lec. (Coleop.). *Ent. News*, 24:126-129.Peculiar habits of small Diptera, *Desmometopa latipes* Meig. *Psyche*, 20:37.

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1916

Inhabitants on an April mud puddle. *Can. Ent.*, 48:214-215.Collecting notes and random observations on the Maine Coleoptera. *Can. Ent.*, 48:381-390.

1920

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1921

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1922

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1924

*Agrilus viridis* in Massachusetts. *Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc.*, 19:27.*Chrysobothris viridigripennis* in Canada. *Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc.*, 19:34.*Dorytomus frosti* Blatchley. *Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc.*, 19:37.*Parallelina saucia*. *Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc.*, 19:34.

## 1928

- Unusual occurrence of *Gyrinus*. Psyche, 35:31-32.  
 Collecting by the sounding water. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 23:84-86.  
 Notes on the Coleoptera of 1925. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 23:133-136.

## 1929

- The unexpected acid test. Psyche, 36:59.  
 (Note on) *Geotrupes horni* Blanchard. Psyche, 36:111.  
 Note on *Lema palustris* Blatchley. Psyche, 36:215.  
*Anatrichis minuta* Dej. Psyche, 36:282.  
 Rare beetle, rarer luck. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:14.  
 Uncommon Coleoptera. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:34.  
 An early Cerambycid. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:154.  
 Rarity vs. secrecy. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:156.  
*Cicindela tranquebarica horiconensis* Leng. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:219.  
 A synonym. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:249.  
*Cryptocephalus tinctus* Lec. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:294.  
 Information wanted. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:12.  
 What attraction? Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 24:11.

## 1930

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*Cis frosti* Drury. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 25:41.  
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 Addicted to strong-waters. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 25:46.  
*Epiphaniis cornutus* Esch. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 25:53.  
*Stenus retrusus* Casey. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 25:53.  
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*Orchestes testaceus* Mul. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 25:97.  
*Anthaxia aeneogaster* Cast. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 25:146.  
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## 1931

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*Donacia liebecki* Schaeffer. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 26:46.  
*Ischalia costata* Lec. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 26:35.

## 1932

- Amalus haemorrhous* Hbst. in Massachusetts. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 27:184.  
 An interesting northern record. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 27:188.  
 A touching tale of a quaking quag. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 27:195.  
*Cicindela purpurea nigerrima* Leng. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 27:245.

## 1933

- Hister semisculptus* Leconte. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 28:159.  
 Trotting the bogs with the wise bullfrogs. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 28:233-234.

## 1935

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## 1938

- Boreaphilus americanus* Notman. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 33:58.  
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1939

Occurrence of *Aphodius scrofa* Fabricius in western Maine (Coleop.: Scarabaeidae). Ent. News., 50: 30.

1941

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1945

Notes on Maine Coleoptera for 1945. Psyche, 52: 177.

1946

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1947

*Octhephilum fracticorne* Payk. Bull. Brooklyn Ent. Soc., 42: 18.  
Sphindidae and Cisidae (Coleoptera). Psyche, 54: 180.

1948

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1949

*Tritoma dissimulator* Crotch. Psyche, 56: 115.

1950

*Chalepus bicolor* Oliv. (Coleoptera). Psyche, 57: 92.